

The Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13

Spirit of Life

2 Corinthians 1:22

Intercessor

Comforter

Spirit of Truth

Ephesians 5:18

Counselor

John 14:16-17

Ephesians 4:30

Romans 8:9

Spirit of Grace

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



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The Holy Spirit has an active and ongoing role before, during and after a person accepts Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. In this lesson we are going to learn about...

- 🔑 Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 🔑 What functions does the Holy Spirit fulfil?
- 🔑 How the Believer is to "Walk in the Spirit"?



Who is the Holy Spirit?



It is difficult to define "personality" when used of God because God cannot be measured by human standards. However, when one possess the attributes, properties and qualities of personality, then personality may be predicated of such a being.

i The Personality of the Holy Spirit

- Names given to the Holy Spirit imply personality - for example: "The Comforter"
- Masculine Personal pronouns are used of the Holy Spirit in Scripture
- Personal characteristics are ascribed to the Holy Spirit
- Personal acts are ascribed to the Holy Spirit (speaks, intercedes, etc)
- The Holy Spirit is susceptible to personal treatment (grieved, insulted, sinned against)

i The Deity of the Holy Spirit

💡 By Deity of the Holy Spirit it is meant that the Holy Spirit is God.

This is evident in the Scriptures:

- Divine names are given to the Holy Spirit (See Acts 5:4+2 Corinthians 3:18)
- The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes - Omnipresent: Psalm 139:7-10
 - Omnipotent: Luke 1:35
 - Omniscient: 1 Corinthians 21:10-11
- Divine works are ascribed to the Holy Spirit - Creation: Genesis 1:2 + Job 33:4
 - Regeneration: John 3:5-8
 - Resurrection: Romans 8:11
- The Name of the Holy Spirit is associated with that of the Father & the Son.
- Passages in the Old Testament that refer to God are in the New Testament made to refer to the Holy Spirit
(Isaiah 6:8-10/Acts 28:25-27 + Exodus 16:7/Hebrews 3:7-9)

i The Names of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)
- The Spirit of Grace (Hebrews 10:29)
- The Spirit of Burning (Matthew 3:11-12)
- The Spirit of Truth (1 John 5:6)
- The Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2)



What functions does the Holy Spirit fulfil?

i It is important for the serious student of Word to understand that the Holy Spirit's ministry/ relationship with mankind differed between the dispensations, and the way He operated before pentecost is by no means the basis of how He operates in this age.

- Actively involved in the work of creation (Genesis 1:3; Psalm 33:6; Job 33:3)
- Actively involved in the preservation of nature (Isaiah 40:7)
- Restrains the lawlessness of the World (2 Thessalonians 2:7)
- Reproves the World of sin, and reveals God's righteousness & judgement (2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Romans 1:16-18; Romans 3:22; Romans 4:5) By His reproving ministry, the Holy Spirit causes the unsaved individual who is blinded by Satan to comprehend these three vital facts in the Gospel.
- Regenerates The person who places their faith in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation passes immediately from spiritual death to spiritual life.
- Indwells the Believer (John 7:37-39; Romans 5:5; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:12)
- Baptizes the Believer (1 Corinthians 6:17; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27)
- Seals the Believer (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:30)
- Fills the believer (Ephesians 5:18)

i Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- The believer's body is a temple. The Holy Spirit indwells the temple when a person places their faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation.
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is God's responsibility towards the Believer with no human responsibility involved other than placing faith in Jesus Christ alone for his/ her salvation.
- Being indwelt by the Holy Spirit is the true mark of a born-again believer. Even Paul could say to the carnal Corinthians: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19).

John 14:16-17

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Romans 8:9,11

⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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The Believer is never told to be indwelt by the Spirit...
...but he is told to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

i The Sealing of the Holy Spirit

- ➔ At the point of conversion, the Holy Spirit is given to each believer as a seal, signifying Divine ownership & eternal security.
- ➔ We are no longer our own, Paul says, for we have been bought with a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- ➔ The Holy Spirit is God's stamp of ownership.
- ➔ The Holy Spirit is God's stamp of approval that we are authentic children of God.

2 Corinthians 1:22

²² who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Ephesians 1:13

¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

i The Baptism of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

- ➔ The baptism of the Spirit took place initially on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:5; 2:33; 11:16).
- ➔ Subsequently individual believers experienced Spirit baptism when they personally trusted Christ as their Savior
 - Acts 11:15–17
 - ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"
- ➔ Every believer experiences Spirit baptism regardless of his or her race or social status. We are now on equal footing in the sense that we are all members of the body of Christ.
- ➔ In Spirit baptism the Holy Spirit baptizes (*Gr. baptidzo, lit. submerges*) the Believer into the body of Christ. He makes us a part of the body of Christ.
 - Water baptism illustrates this.

i As a branch is grafted into the vine, so the believer is joined to Christ by the baptism with the Spirit, which is to be "in Christ". To be "in Christ" is to have been taken out of the old creation in Adam and placed eternal in the new Creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Christ becomes the new federal head and all that Christ is or has done is imputed to the believer.

The Filling by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit

- ➔ The wine that fills a person controls every area of his life as long as that person consumes it.
- ➔ “Be filled” amounts to letting the Holy Spirit who indwells us control us completely.
- ➔ The Believer is to be “getting filled” continuously.
- ➔ To be filled with the Spirit is not to acquire more of the Spirit, but rather, the Spirit acquires more of the believer as the believer yields his/her life to the Word of God in obedience.
- ➔ To “be filled” with the Spirit is the same as to be controlled by the Word.
- ➔ The Spirit of Truth uses the Word of truth to guide us into the will and the work of God.

 To “be filled with the Holy Spirit” is the same thing as “Walking in the Spirit”. It is a conscious, deliberate focus on the Lord and His principles, not yielding to the flesh but rather yielding to God’s Word. (Romans 6:11-14)

 In order to be filled with the Spirit, it is required that...

- ➔ Known sin shall be confessed

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- ➔ The whole life of the believer be surrendered to God

Romans 6:13

¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1 Thessalonians 5:19, “Do not quench the Spirit”

- ➔ A moment by moment reliance on the Spirit

Galatians 5:16

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

 The Spirit's filling results in:

- ➔ Christlike character (Galatians 5:22-23)
- ➔ Christian service (Ephesians 4:11-13)
- ➔ The Spirit's guidance (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 1 John 2:27)
- ➔ True praise & thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Lesson #8



What are the functions of the Holy Spirit?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____



What does it mean to "be indwelt of the Holy Spirit"?



When does the "indwelling of the Holy Spirit" occur? _____



What is the "sealing of the Holy Spirit"?



When does the "sealing of the Holy Spirit" occur? _____



What is meant by the "baptism of the Holy Spirit"?



When does the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" occur? _____



What does it mean to "be filled with the Holy Spirit"?



When does the "filling of the Holy Spirit" occur? _____

